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SUBJECT: PROGRAM OF ALLIED NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS

TO OBSERVERS

REF: A) STATE 099467 (DTG 022359Z MAY 77)(NOTAL),

B) USCINCEUR 071430Z FEB 77 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: POLADS HAVE HELD INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE 1977 PROGRAM OF ALLIED CBM NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM USCINCEUR THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN PARA 3. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF, DRAWING ON NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING US (REF A), HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING LIST OF 1977 MANEUVERS WHICH ARE RELEVANT IN A CBM CONTEXT (POLADS (77) 19):

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BEGIN TEXT:

PROGRAM OF 1977 ALLIED MANEUVERS (NATIONAL, MULTINATIONAL AND NATO) WHICH ARE RELEVANT IN A CBM CONTEXT

(AS PROVIDED BY DELEGATIONS AND THE IMS)

| NAME OF MANEUVER  I. NATIONAL MANEUVERS  |
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| CERTAIN FIGHTER  |
| SPONSOR: US  |
| OTHER PARTICIPANTS: NONE   |
| HOST: GE DATES OF MANEUVER: MAY 1-8 TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: 24,000                                |
| CBM ACTION NOTIFICATION: NOTIFIED ON 7TH APRIL   |
| OBSERVERS: NO  |
| NAME OF MANEUVER  I. NATIONAL MANEUVERS  |
| CARBON EDGE  |
| SPONSOR: US OTHER PARTICIPANTS: NOT YET KNOWN  |
| HOST: NOT YET KNOWN DATES OF MANEUVER: SEPT 13-23 TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: 45,000 (1) CONFIDENTIAL |
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| (1) MAJOR MANEUVERS TO BE NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCEWITH PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT            |
| CBM ACTION NOTIFICATION: TO BE NOTIFIED  |
| OBSERVERS: NO  |
| II. MULTINATIONAL MANEUVERS  |
| STANDHAFTE CHATTEN   |
| SPONSOR: GE  |
| OTHER PARTICIPANTS: GE-US  |
| HOST: GE   |

DATES OF MANEUVER: SEPT 12-17 TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: 24,000 ---CBM ACTION NOTIFICATION: TO BE NOTIFIED OBSERVERS: YES CONFIDENTIAL NNN CONFIDENTIAL PAGE 01 NATO 03984 02 OF 03 241925Z ACTION EUR-12 INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-02 NSC-05 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00 /066 W -----242256Z 026388 /72 P 241903Z MAY 77 FM USMISSION NATO TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3783 SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER INFO JCS WASHDC CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GER USNMR SHAPE BE ALL NATO CAPITALS AMEMBASSY MADRID CONFIDENTIAL SECTION 02 OF 03 NATO 03984 II. MULTINATIONAL MANEUVERS BLUE FOX SPONSOR: BE OTHER PARTICIPANTS: BE-GE-US HOST: GE DATES OF MANEUVER: SEPT 12-23

----(1) MAJOR MANEUVERS TO BE NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE

TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: PLUS/MINUS 28,500 (1)

| WITH PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT  |
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| NOTIFICATION: TO BE NOTIFIED           |
| OBSERVERS: YES                         |
| III. NATO MANEUVERS                    |
| COLD FIRE                              |
| SPONSOR: NATO                          |
| OTHER PARTICIPANTS: US                 |
| HOST: GE                               |
| DATES OF MANEUVER: SEPT 12-17          |
| TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: NOT YET KNOWN   |
| CBM ACTION: NOT YET KNOWN              |
| III. NATO MANEUVERS                    |
| ARROW EXPRESS                          |
| SPONSOR: NATO                          |
| OTHER PARTICIPANTS: DE-UK-NO           |
| HOST: DE                               |
| DATES OF MANEUVERS: SEPT 2-30          |
| TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: NOT YET KNOWN   |
| CBM ACTION: NOT YET KNOWN CONFIDENTIAL |
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III. NATO MANEUVERS

AVON EXPRESS

SPONSOR: NATO

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: NOT YET KNOWN

HOST: UK

DATES OF MANEUVER: NOV 19-DEC 5 TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED: NOT YET KNOWN

---CBM ACTION: NOT YET KNOWN

END TEXT.

- 2. WITH REGARD TO FRENCH II CORPS EXERCISE, SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13-17 (PARA 3, REF B), FRENCH REP HAS INFORMED US AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT THIS WILL IN FACT BE A COMMAND POST EXERCISE (CPX) INVOLVING AT MOST 1,000 TROOPS. IT WOULD THUS NOT BE SUBJECT TO CBM NOTIFICATION AND HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN ABOVE LISTING.
- 3. IN DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EXERCISES AT MAY 20 POLADS, FRG REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FAVORED NOTIFICATION OF NATO MANEUVERS ARROW EXPRESS AND AVON EXPRESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRG WOULD PREFER THAT SEPARATE NOTIFICATION NOT BE

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GIVEN OF NATO MANEUVER COLD FIRE. IN BONN'S VIEW, NOTIFICATION OF COLD FIRE SHOULD BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN AND BLUE FOX. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO THE TOTALS FOR US TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EXERCISES LIKELY TO EXCEED 10,000 TOTAL ALLIED TROOPS (REF A), IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USCINCEUR SHOULD SPELL OUT RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, BETWEEN COLD FIRE, STANDHAFTE CHATTEN AND BLUE FOX.

4. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE PUBLIC RELATIONS FALLOUT AT BELGRADE FROM LARGE NUMBER OF ALLIED CBM NOTIFICATIONS IN PERIOD PRECEDING MAIN MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN DECIDING HOW MANY NON-OBLIGATORY (BELOW 25,000 TROOP LEVEL) NOTIFICATIONS THEY WOULD GIVE. BENNETT

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